GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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Allocation of BRGF
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by the Government under Backward Regions Grant Fund during the year 2015-16, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to restructure BRGF scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any review has been conducted regarding the work carried out through the said funds during the last three years;

(d) if so, the outcome of the said review, and

(e) the action being taken by the Government on the said outcome?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NIHALCHAND)

(a) & (b) : The Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme (BRGF) has been de-linked from the budgetary support of the Central Government with effect from the financial year 2015-16. Currently, there is no proposal to restructure the BRGF Programme.

(c) to (e) : Implementation of the BRGF Programme at the ground level was done by the various State Governments concerned. The Programme guidelines provide for physical and financial audit of the works at the end of each financial year and in each district a Review Committee at the District level was to be constituted by the District Planning Committee and social audit by Gram Sabhas. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj followed this up by periodic review meetings with Principal Secretaries of Panchayati Raj Departments of States, video conferences and visits by the officers of the Ministry. The State Governments have been asked to reconcile the funds released and submit the physical progress and utilization of funds from time to time.

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